

## STYLE AS AN ART

How Woman Dresses When She Appears in Clubland.

### OBSERVATIONS OF A WOMAN

Some Notes on Her Gowns—Two Magnificent Paris Cloaks—The Restoration in Headgear.

Worldism made a great sacrifice the other evening—gave up the home show to attend the opening of one of its new clubs—polyst Colonial. Chaucery De- pect was there, as usual, and spoke of the number of pretty women present. I looked about me. Did I gaze through green spectacles, that I could not



BONNET OF 1890.

discern his rose-colored visions? I had just before made a mental note of the fact that there wasn't a single pretty woman there—no, not one could I find, although I had gone from room to room, up and down every staircase, peeped into all the cozy corners where beauty might be lurking, and examined critically every woman in the lovely gold and white theater. Perhaps it was because they were more like themselves than they used to be. Powder I could see plenty of, but very little rouge, cream washes, and beautifiers.

Another thing that I noticed was the courage of the American women as exemplified in that portion of them present. Although the empire has been "the thing" for some time past any number of those women wore their last winter's gowns with the most wonderful equanimity. I couldn't count more than twenty empire gowns, and wasn't able to discover one in the 1890, although that I hardly looked for, it has so recently come over. To be sure, the season is still young, but, taking all things into consideration, it was certainly surprising and disappointing. I was sorry that the women had not made more of an effort to be bewitching. They seemed just a trifle indifferent. I noticed it even in the dressing-room before they came down; there wasn't the usual crowding about mirrors; almost all of them gave only a look or two into the glass and then turned away. Is it the growing strong-mindedness, do you suppose, that has anything to do with the change? Surely the element isn't creeping into the circles of exclusiveness and gaiety.

Bengaline was the most popular material, apparently, and chiffon. There were any number of bengaline gowns in light colors, with velvet sleeves. White and green were there, and a great deal of them, particularly in all white gowns, with very bright green velvet sleeve puffs. Next to white and green in favor came white and pale yellow; possibly because the exquisite little ballroom was decorated in these two delicate colors. The women that had gowns of these two shades, or of pale yellow alone—and there were ever so many of both—looked very pretty when the shades that covered the wall background melted softly into their own garb. One woman was simply a cloud of white chiffon puffs, sleeves, paniers, et al. Her dress was so pretty that I felt sorry that she wasn't. One girl I liked—she was petite, graceful and weird. Her young face looked younger with her short, curly black hair reach-



WHITE CLOTH PLEATED.

ing just to her shoulders, caught with only one pin, and then falling as it would. Her white bengaline gown fell plain and a little full, straight to her feet, from a short white yoke. A band of magenta velvet covered the join all around, and two long narrow magenta loops stood up from the band, on the yoke, in front, almost touching her dark, gypsy-like throat. Her dress was loosely caught at the waist by another velvet band of the same bright color, and long streamers fell from the yoke at the back.

A train there was that was simply overpowering. A gentleman that stood near me measured it with a quick eye, and pronounced its length three yards. Dear, what a lot of room he craved needed! She made several attempts to hold it up, but even when she took hold of the very middle, a long end still fell about her, which she was helpless to control. Her robe was very beautifully trimmed with deep Venetian point.

But I was fully repaid for all the weariness of looking and watching that evening when the women began to go home. For I saw two cloaks that were most magnificent. They were fresh from Paris, I could see at a glance. The first one was of pure white cloth, and hung over a rose-colored gown that

had a crush velvet empire belt of pink, a deeper shade. The cloak was a double pelarine, the first cape hanging three-quarter length, and edged with Russian sable; the second very much shorter, edged the same. From the neck fell a very narrow ruffle of the cloth, both headed and edged with fur, and the fur of the heading went down inside the mantle as well, for a few inches, so that it was warm and close at the throat. The lining was white taffeta, shot with pale rose.

The other was very different. It was of a beautiful water-green brocade, with leaf-gray outlined in gold. The cloak, which fell to the feet, seemed to be made of but four straight pieces. Two were narrow and formed the front, meeting in the center. The other two were much wider and formed the back, the sides and the sleeves. At the back the opening was far up, so that the dress' train had plenty of room to sweep out. But where these pieces touched the front breadth they fell altogether loose, and apart, so that they were like long sleeves. A pretty lining of white quilted silk showed at one side, and a pointed yoke of rich green velvet was edged by a wide bertha of fine guipure. An immense rolling collar, also of guipure, stood up above the lady's ears.

How did these dames fix their hair, do you ask? Not very much out of the ordinary. Most all of them high, or semi-high, with diamond or flower bands lying round the coils, with pretty aigrettes or flowers or high narrow satin bows standing up from the twists, with perhaps less waving locks and more smooth shining ones. Some of the dainty hair ornaments worn now are very pretty. They often convert an ordinary coiffure into a remarkably pretty one, with their fanciful shapes. One that I saw was particularly pretty. It had a fine head of gold for a foundation and at the center a bird perched with outstretched wings, all in dull gold.

Talking of head ornamentation reminds me of head covering. Just think



WATER-GREEN BROCADED CLOAK.

of it! The restoration of the style of 1890 has gone even so far as the hat. Behold a bonnet with high brim standing up away from the face, with sides closely drawn over the ears by strings that tie under the chin. How do you think you look in it? Do you think you like it? If you have a sweet face, with a pretty, demure mouth, it may be the very thing that will suit you. The only one I have so far had the pleasure of seeing is of pale gray felt, has a gathered rose-colored lining on the wide front brim, has black standing plumes in front and black strings. Strange to say, it isn't at all ugly. Nay, to be still more candid, I shall have to confess that I like it, that I think it very pretty.

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**DOGS IN THE TURKISH CAPITAL.**  
Have No Special Owners and Live in Groups of Six to Ten.

The dogs of Constantinople form a class of as much importance as other Asiatic races, says a correspondent of the Church Union. The Europeans have used their influence, backed by money, to destroy these dogs, either by killing or banishing them; but the Turks—from the humblest servant, who divides his crust with them, to the imperial sultan, who has them fed from his palace—shows an affection for them which is surprising. The dogs live in communities of six, eight or ten, and each set appropriates to itself a certain section of from one to three squares. The most intelligent dog seems to be the president or commander of the group.

They are very friendly with all the inhabitants who live in their special locality, while they show no recognition to those who pass their highway if they do not reside there. They guard their ground and do not allow any other dog to intrude. I noticed one stray dog which came around the corner, thereby infringing on the other dogs' territory; he was attacked at once, and barely escaped with his life.

These dogs have no special owner—each block or square having its own group of dogs. They seem to know every man, woman and child who lives in their neighborhood, and their tails wag whenever any of these make their appearance. I remember coming through one of the narrow streets late one night, and as it was quite warm I suddenly took off my coat and hat. One dog commenced to bark, then another and another followed suit. The guide told me I must put on my hat, as the dogs had recognized that I was a foreigner and that they were evidently displeased at my attempt to go through their principality in my shirt sleeves. I took the advice of the guide and the howl of the dogs ceased.

Much Like This Country.

The desire to serve the country by holding public office, be the post ever so humble, seems to be about as strong in France as anywhere else. The prefect of the Seine had recently 1,071 offices at his disposal, all of a minor importance, and for these offices he had over 60,000 applicants. The offices were mostly as supernumerary clerks, porters, local customs collectors, school-boys keepers, and even chief funeral mutes and cemetery rangers. There was only one office that lacked a candidate. That was the office of teacher of manual labor in the elementary schools. There was no aspirant for this situation.

Natural Gamblers.

The Equimaux are gamblers by nature, but they never impoverish themselves by their games. Cards they do not care for, but dominoes and even these are played with a skill that at least equals the best white men who visit them.

# THE BOSTON STORE

## A GREAT OPENING OF HOLIDAY MERCHANDISE!

### OUR BAZAAR OPENS MONDAY MORNING

Our new department of Leather Goods will open Monday morning with one of the most extensive and finest displays ever exhibited in the west. Our extensive Importations of Fine Handkerchiefs for the Holidays has been fully prepared and the aisles devoted to the display will be a gauzy forest of beauty. A magnificent stock of Silken Mufflers and Handkerchiefs will occupy a prominent department. A magnificent opening and display of Art Articles. Santa Claus, with his pictured equipage, will appear in substantial reality to greet the children.

We are pleased to announce to the ladies of Grand Rapids and Western Michigan the opening, on a scale hitherto unattempted in this section of country, of our extensive stocks for the holiday season. The splendid strides made in the advancement and development of our business, places us in an unique position in this section. The great importations of holiday merchandise, which we have received during the past few weeks, have been enormous, and would almost seem impossible to turn over in a city the size of ours. The rapid increase of our business requires such a stock as we shall place before the consumers tomorrow morning, and its distribution will be pushed with all possible speed.

## GRAND OPENING SALE FOR ONE WEEK!

### Book Section of Bazaar Department. Our Leather Goods Department.

We shall offer a magnificent line of Books for Children, in Pictureland section, Story section, Educational section, Literary section, at specially low prices for opening week.

We shall offer the most magnificent line of Booklets ever shown in this city and at prices, for this week, that ladies and gentlemen should make their selection at once.

We offer a fine line of Literary and Scientific Works by the great authors, in elegant bindings.

In our Bazaar will be found all useful articles of artistic merit and at prices that should cause immediate purchases.

## Handkerchiefs.

Are all ready, and they alone are worthy of a special visit. We have imported case lots, where in former seasons we would have handled dozens. We have devoted two aisles of our store to the display and sale of these goods, and a finer display than these articles make could scarcely be pictured in fancy.

One aisle will be devoted to the sale of low-priced Handkerchiefs and another to fine goods, including the India, China and Japanese Silk goods and Silk Mufflers. Our importations of Scotch lawn and fine Swiss embroidered goods are extensive and the goods are elegant. We shall offer this newly opened stock at special prices for this week.

Extra low quotations on dozen lots. Special lots are offered in one dozen, two dozen and five dozen box lots. Make Handkerchief selections this week.

## Umbrellas.

We are opening a fine line of these useful and popular presentable articles, in fancy handles, for the holidays.

## OUR WINDOWS.

We invite the attention of the public generally to our magnificent window displays this week, and while they admire these, just walk through our establishment and see the extent and beauty of the interior display. For this, our opening week, this display will be especially beautiful, and the bargains offered are of such a character as should induce one of the greatest weeks in our experience.

Ladies should be prompt to secure choice in our book department.

### BAZAAR DEPARTMENT, HANDKERCHIEF DEPARTMENT, UMBRELLA DEPARTMENT, LEATHER GOODS DEPARTMENT, GLOVE DEPARTMENT, FANCY GOODS DEPARTMENT.

Sale in these departments commences Monday morning. Make selections and have them reserved. Everything Strictly as Represented.

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We shall open on Monday morning one of the finest Leather Goods departments to be found west of New York.

This is a new department and much effort has been given to make it one of the finest and most attractive in Michigan.

LEATHER TRAVELING BAGS, POCKET BOOKS, COLLAR AND CUFF SETS, MUSIC FOLIOS, PURSES, HAND BAGS, and all articles of beauty made of fine leather.

This department has been allotted a large section specially fitted up for it on the main floor, and much pains will be taken to make it one of the most popular departments of our establishment.

## Gloves.

We have placed in this department, preparatory for Christmas trade, one of the finest stocks of Kid Gloves to be seen in the west. The FOSTER GLOVES will be found at this counter in every shade and in all lengths; also the standard and popular makes in every size, shade and in all lengths. This department is extensively known for its excellence and completeness.

Specialties offered for this week.

## Toilet Articles.

We shall offer an excellent assortment of Druggist's Sundries and Toilet Articles, suitable for the holidays, at very low prices.